# INVESTIGATION

Probable Result of Hearings at Washington This Week.

Work Will be Done by Bureau of Fisheries Experts.

If Congress acts favorably upon a resolution unanimously reported Wednesday by the House committee on Mercant Marine and Fisheries, the Bureau of Fisheries will make a thorough investigation of the system of catching fish with otter trawls.

The resolution was introduced in the House by Representative Gardner and the decision of the committee to report the resolution came as the result of an agreement reached Wednesday afternoon by Representative Gardner and William F. Garcelon and Junius T. Auerbach, attorneys for the Bay State Fishing company, and Mc-Lanahan & Burton, attorneys for the Heroine Fishing company York, who appeared in opposition to the legislation proposed by Mr. Gardner to prohibit the sale of fish caught by otter trawls.

The resolution provides that the Bureau of Fisheries shall report to Congress in December.

#### Will Ask Unanimous Consent.

In order to facilitate the progress of the resolution Chairman Alexanof the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisherles obtained a promise f om Speker Clark to recognize him at an early date in order that he may ask unanimous consent for the consideration of the resolution.

One obstacle that will have to be overcome is the question of money. Representative Gardner was informed by theBureau of Fisheries Wednesday that the investigation will cost about \$5000, The economy policy of the House stands in the way of that phase of the question, so the chances are that Mr. Gardner's resolution will contain no request for an appropriation. He will let it go to the Senate without a provision for an appropria-tion and Senator Lodge will offer it in the Senate as an amendment to one of the regular appropriation bills in the hope that the House conferees on whatever appropriation measure it is tacked onto will agree to it.

Before adjourning Wednesday the committee gave permission to the attorneys for the opposing sides to file briefs in the case within 30 days. This was in lieu of hearing a number of witnesses who were here, but who had

not been called.

Previous to Congressman Gardner and the attorneys coming to the agreement above mentioned, the House committee on Marchant Marine and Fisheries continued its hearing early Wednesday on the bill introduced by Representative Gardner to prohibit the sale in American markets of fish caught by otter trawls. The principal witness was James B. Connolly, the writer. Mr. Connolly described trips he had taken to the North Sea for magazines, in which, he said, he ad studied the workings of the otter

principal harm done by the otter trawl, Mr. Connolly said, was its destruction of vegetation on the bottom of the ocean. He said also that it took up a large number of small fish, which died before they could be

thrown back into the water. Capts. Dexter Malone, Frank Carroll and William T. Thompson and Joshua W. Stanley of Gloucester were so heard by the committee. Their estimony was in corroboration of that given by Mr. Connolly regarding the estructiveness of the otter trawl. Representative Gardner and William

. Garcelon both cross-questioned wit-

The local delegates arrived from Vashington yesterday, and express nuch satisfaction over their visit and he result of the hearing.

May 31.

IN AT T WHARF THIS MORNING WITH 125,000 POUNDS OF COD.

It was a quiet morning for fish trade at T wharf today, after the holiday, nine arrivals being reported at the dock since Wednesday's report,

The largest fare for several days is that of sch. Aspinet, the craft having 125,000 pounds of codfish in addition to 3500 weight of haddock and 700 pounds of halibut, Sch. Squanto is also in with a nice trip, her skipper hailing for 70,000 pounds.

Haddock sold at \$1.25 to \$2 a hundred weight, large cod, \$2.25 to \$3; market cod, \$1.75; hake, \$1.10 and halibut, 11 cents a pound for white and 8 cents a pound for grays.

#### Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are. Steamer Spray, 24,000 haddock, 800

Sch. Yankee, 15,000 haddock, 9000 cod.

Sch. Oliva Sears, 1500 cod. Sch. Mary B. Greer, 12,000 haddock,

500 cod. Sch. Aspinet, 3500 haddock, 125,000 cod, 700 halibut.

Sch. Squanto, 10,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 25,000 hake, 25,000 cusk, 1200 hali-

Sch. Helen B. Thomas, 14,000 haddock, 3000 cod.

Sch. Mary Edith, 10,000 haddock, Sch. Good Luck, 1800 haddock, 17,000

Haddock, \$1.25 to \$2 per cwt.; large ced, \$2.25 to \$3; market cod, \$1.75; halcod \$2.25 to \$3; market cod, \$1.75; hake, \$1.10; halibut, II cents for white and 8 cents for gray.

#### may 34 BOUNDARY FISHERIES.

## Another Attempt of Canada and Uni-

ted States to Make Treaty.

Another effort is to be made to settle the disputed questions regarding regulation of fisheries in the boundary waters between the United States and Canada says a Washington despatch,

Job Hedges of New York, recently appointed a member of the International fisheries commission, representing the United States, will confer soon with Edward E. Prince, Canadian member of the commission. will endeavor to reach some agreement upon the regulations which were held up to be considered for amendment. It is believed they will be able to agree, as none of the differences of opinion are said to be sufficiently serious as to cause a deadlock. When they have reached some conclusion regarding the disputed regulations the commissioners will submit a report, and congress will be asked to enact legislation giving the report authority of law.

Congress has thus far acted on none of the regulations for fisheries in the boundary waters drawn up by the commission in accordance with the terms of the treaty by which that body was established. It has been explained that the delay is caused by the fact that a number of the proposed regulations were held out for discussion as to amendments. To save confusion it was decided it would be best to postpone legislation on the whole subject until the commission should itself agree on all proposed regula-

State department officials have re-cently conferred with Mr. Hazen minister of marine and fisheries for Canada and are convinced that Canada will not withdraw from the treaty because of the delay.

## May 31

#### Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Cavalier passed Mulgrave last Tuesday, bound north.

Sch. Victor arrived at Liverpool,
Tuesday and cleared for fishing.

Schs. Margaret and A. Piatt Andrew

arrived at Canso last Tuesday, the former with 75,000 pounds of codfish. Sch. Colonial sailed from Canso on Tuesday last.

Sch. Francis S. Gureby arrived at Halifax Tuesday.

### Halibut at Portland.

Sch. Monitor was at Portland yesterday with 25,000 pounds of halibut and 25,000 pounds of salt cod. Sch. Claudia is there today with 3000 pounds of halibut.

SCH. GLADSTONE ALSO BRINGS RIGGING, ETC., OF LOST SCH. COLONIAL.

With a fare of 275,000 pounds of salt cod, sch. Gladstone, formerly one of the Wharff fleet of Provincetown purchased by the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company arrived here this morning from Rose Blanche on the New foundland treaty coast.

Capt. McDonald also brought home the blocks, rigging, gear and appurtenances saved from the sch. Colonial, lost, last year, which have been stored at Burgeo. On her way into Burgeo, the Gladstone mis-stayed and went aground, but later floated again, the only damage being to her shoe.

Other arrivals are sch. Elk, Capt. Charles Colson, from Quero, with 15,-000 pounds of halibut, 15,000 pounds of salt cod, and 10,000 pounds of fresh cod, and sch. Hattle A. Heckman from salt drifting with 35,000 pounds of salt cod.

Wednesday afternoon, steamer Dorcas arrived from pollock seining with 18,000 pounds of fresh pollock

#### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

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Sch. Elk, Quero 15,000 lbs. halibut. 15,000 lbs, salt cod, 10,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Hattie A. Heckman, salt drifting, 35,000 lbs. salt cod.

Steamer Dorcas, pollock seining, 18,-

000 lbs. pollock. Steamer Prince Olaf, gill netting, 1600 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Hope, gill netting, 1800 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Gladstone, Rose Blanche, N. F., 275,000 lbs. salt cod.

#### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Volant, salt drifting. Sch. Kineo, halibuting.

#### TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

#### Salt Fish.

Trawl bank cod, large, \$3.25; medium, \$2.871-2; snappers, \$2.00.

Handline Georges codfish, large \$4.12 % per cwt.; medium, \$3.75; snappers, \$2.50.

Eastern halibut codfish, \$3.25; mediums, \$2.871-2; snappers,

Georges halibut codfish, large. \$4.121/2; mediums, \$3.50.

Haddock, \$1.50. Pollock, \$1.25.

Cusk, large, \$2.50; medium, \$1.75; snappers, \$1.25 Hake, \$1.25.

#### Fresh Fish.

Haddock, 70c per cwt. Peak and Cape North cod, large, \$1.75; medium, \$1.50; snappers, 75c. Western cod, large, \$2; mediums, \$1.65; snappers, 75c.

All codfish not gilled, 10c per 100 pounds less than the above.

Hake, 70c. Cusk, large, \$1.30; medium, \$1.00; snappers, 50c.

Dressed pollock, 80c; round, 70c. Bank halibut, 10c per lb. for white, and 7c per lb. for gray. Hake sounds, \$8.80 per cwt.

May 31.

No news has been received from Cape Shore seining fleet that is of an encouraging nature, although about 200 barrels of fish were taken by the boats of Yarmouth yesterday and boats of Yarmouth yesterday salted.

Advices received at Wednesday stated that 2000 mackerel were taken Wednesday forenoon were taken Wednesday forenoon from a trop at Canso, N. S., and that several of the weirs nearby had fish. It is probable that considerable mackerel from the Provinces will reach Boston by the end of this week.

The Yarmouth steamer brought 190 barrels of fresh mackerel to Boston yesterday.

# TWO DAYS IN GRASP

June !

Thrilling Experience of Sch. Gladstone on St. Peters Bank.

Great Ice Hills Scraped Craft and Lifted Anchor off Bow.

Caught in heavy drift Arctic ice on St. Peter's Bank, sch. Gladstone which arrived here yesterday from Rose Blanche, N. F., with a cargo of salt cod, had a narrow escape from destruction on her way down to the treaty coast of Newfoundland and that she was not sent to her doom, seems a miracle.

The Gladstone, formerly one of the P A. Whorff fleet of Provincetown, but purchased last winter by the Gorton-Pew Fsheries company left here the middle of April for Newfoundland in command of Capt. James McDonald. Capt. McDonald was unable to take the Scattarie passage at that time of the year, so headed her off across St. Peter's bank.

#### Caught In Big Ice Field.

On the fourth night out, Capt. Mc-Donald arrived on St. Peter's and he gave orders to keep a sharp lookout for ice. None was seen that morning, and the craft was hove to in a strong wind. The sea about them was perfeetly clear of ice at nightfall but when morning came Capt. McDonald and his men could hardly believe their eyes. For several miles around, nothing but a vast field of ice could be seen and the vessel was hemmed in on all sides.

The ice was from 18 to 24 feet in depth, while the tops of some of the mammoth cakes protruded out of water nearly to the lantern boards. Capt. McDonald realized fully the peril he was in and all hands prepared to meet any emergency that might arise. As the vessel lay to, the ice closed in around them and cake after cake drifted down upon them, threatening to crush the craft beneath its heavy weight. So large were some of them. that they resembled minature icebergs, and came so close that they actually lifted the anchor from the bow as they scraped along the side of the vessel.

#### Got the Dories Ready.

The crew were ordered to get their dories ready for launching, in case of necessity, and ample stores and provisions were put aboard. Others of the crew engaged in making fenders out of rope and these were put over the side, to lessen the force of the impact, when the heavy cakes of ice struck the sides.

For nearly two days Capt. McDonald and his crew kept an incessant watch, dodging the ice, while the fenders did effective service in saving the craft. The next night the vessel worked clear as the ice was carried out to the sea but none too soon, however, for a short time afterwards a heavy fog shut in that completely obscured them from all around

Capt. McDonald and his men were mighty thankful to escape as they did, for there is no telling what their fate might have been had they been left to grope their way through the ice in the fog, either of which alone is bad enough in that region.

The craft reached Rose Blanche without further incident and secured her cargo, which was brought here.

#### New Cuban Tank Fishing Schooner.

The Cuban fishing sch. Neptuno, re cently completed at Green's yard, Chelsea, is ready to sail from Boston for Hayana, in command of Capt. Carvello. The vessel has formally cleared at the Custom House and the final preparations for leaving port have been made, The Neptuno will engage in the red snapper fishing industry in the Gulf of Mexico, carrying her fish to Havana alive by means of a big tank which has been constructed in the hold.

#### Raymah Started Again.

The British sch. Raymah, recently sold by the Atlantic Maritime company to Nova Scotia parties, started out again Wednesday afternoon, after making slight repairs as the result of her accident last Monday when sho ran aground on a mud bank in Boston Harbor. The craft will be used in the transatlantic fish trade.

## HORAGE WILDE

BRINGS SCH. INGOMAR HOME WITH 150,000 POUNDS OF SALT COD.

Sch. Ingomar Capt. Horace Wilde, one of the Cape North shackers ar rived here yesterday afternoon after a seven weeks' trip, bringing 150,000 pounds of salt cod and 4000 weight of hallbut. The trip is the best of the season thus far, and Capt. Wilde and his crew will realize a nice share as their part of the proceeds.

Another of the Cape North shack-

ers here is sch. Elmer E, Gray, Capt. Felix Hogan. Capt, Hogan is single dory fishing and evidently struck it well, bringing home 150,000 pounds

of fresh cod.

Sch. Quennapowitt direct from Brown's has 115,000 pounds of fresh fish, while sch. Yakima from Quero also has a nice fare, consisting of 35, 000 pounds of halibut and 30,000 pounds of salt cod.

Down from Boston is sch. Aspinet with 120,000 pounds of cod left over from yesterday, and sch. Gladys and Nellie with 20,000 pounds.

#### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

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Sch. Ingomar, Cape North, shacking, 150,000 lbs. sait cod, 4000 lbs. halibut. Sch. Aspinet, via Boston, 120,000 lbs. fresh cod.

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Sch. Elmer E. Gray, Cape North, shacking, 150,000 lbs. fresh cod.

Sch. Mary B. Greer, via Boston. Sch. Good Luck, via Boston.

Sch. Emily Sears, shore.

Sch. Jorgina, shacking.

#### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Muriel, shacking. Sch. Richard, shacking. Sch. Mystery, halibuting. Sch. Jubilee, salt drifting.

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#### The Week's Receipts at Boston.

Fresh fish receipts at Boston for the week ending May 31, totalled 1,-420,450 pounds from 48 arrivals against 1,550,900 pounds from 48 arrivals for the same period in 1911.

#### Big Stock and Share.

Sch. Mildred Robinson, Capt. Leslie Coffil, stocked \$2700 as the result of her recent shacking trip, the crew sharing \$74 ,clear, to a man.

#### Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Leonora Silveiria arrived at Shelburne Wednesday and cleared for

fishing. Sch. A. Piatt Andrew sailed from Canso on Wednesday.

### Halibut at Portland.

Sch. Margaret is at Portland this morning with 25,000 pounds of halibut.

JUST ONE LONESOME SHORE BOAT IS ALL THERE IS IN AT PIER,

It was the quietest morning for weeks at T wharf this morning, one lone arrival being the only new fare reported at the dock since yesterday

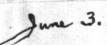
The craft was sch, Galatea from the shore with 2800 pounds of fish, and these were sold without trouble. Haddock was quoted at \$1.50, large cod, \$3; market cod, \$2; and pollock, \$2.60.

#### Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are: Sch. Galatea, 1600 haddock, 12,000 cod, 100 pollock.

Haddock, \$1.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$3; market cod, \$2; pollock, \$2.60.

The work of repairing the Glouces ter sch. Avalon, which has been going on at the marine railway for the past several days, will be completed today, when the other crippled Gloucester schooner, the Helen G. Wells, will be pulled up on the ways for repairs, which she needs so badly. The Wells is now leaking so badly that bailing and pumping is being carried on day and night, otherwise the craft would She is leaking 1,200 strokes to the hour. Capt. Lovett Hines, of Yarmouth, is here looking after the vessel in the interest of the insurance people. Capt. Hines, is a Yarmouth man, where he resides, although he is owner of two crack schooners sailing out of Gloucester, besides being one of the most successful skippers who has acquired considerable of this world's goods, sufficient, in fact, to retire from active service.-North Sydney



## SESSIONS CONCLUDED.

#### U. S. and Canadian Boundary Fisheries - Commission Finish Deliberations.

The Fishery Commission sessions, at Ottawa have been concluded, when Professor Prince, international com-missioner for the United States, finished their deliberations for the time

This commission has for three years been engaged in the work of reviewing the numerous questions relating to fisheries in the boundary waters of Canada and the United States, from the Atlantic to the Pa-cific coast. In the opinion of the commissioners, the regulations in dis-pute were amongst the most vital and mportant in the whole series, affecting, as they did the great fisheries in Lake Erie, Lake Huron and Puget

The position firmly adhered to by Professor Prince has been that in accordance with the treaty, the regulations must be uniform on both sides of the International boundary, and must be effectively enforced and as required by the treaty, must be of such a nature as to protect and pre-serve the food fishes in the boundary June 3.

## NO GOOD NEWS FROM CAPE SHORE

Netters are Now Landing Fair Sized Catches at Newport.

## Scattered Mackerelin Porgy Schools Caught off Plymouth.

Nothing in the way of news that can be taken as encouragement has been heard from the fleet of seiners now at the Capis Shore, although the traps around Yarmouth are taking a few fish each day and shipping them to

The season on the Cape Shore, is short at its best, although there is plenty of time yet for the fleet to strike fish, and it would not be surprising most any day now to hear that several of them are here or at Boston with trips.

The fleet of netters off Block Island struck mackerel Saturday night, which were brought into Newport yesterday and shipped to Boston. This morning the wholesale dealers were quoting them at 231/2 and 24 cents a piece.

#### Netters at Newport.

The arrivals in detail are as follows: Sch. Gertrude, 1500 fresh mackerel. Sch. Louise, 1500 fresh mackerei. Sch. Lois H. Corkum, 1500 fresh

mackerel. Sch. Condon, 1500 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Hoekomock, 1500 fresh mackerel, Sch. Mabel E. Leavitt, 1500 fresh

Sch. Bessie M. Dugan, 1100 fresh

Sch. Eliza Benner, 1100 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Manomet, 1100 fresh mackerél. Sch. Marguerite, 1100 fresh mackerel.

Cherokee, 1100 fresh mackerel. Gracie, 1100 fresh mackerel. Alice, 700 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Louise, 700 fresh mackerel. Sch. Flora P., 700 fresh mackerel Sch. Annie Mack, 700 fresh mackerel.

Sch Lafayette, 2600 fresh mackerel. Sch. Lillian, 2600 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Reliance, 500 fresh mackerel. Sch. Korse, 500 fresh mackerel. Sch. Alice, 650 fresh mackerel,

The Yarmouth steamer which arrived at Boston Saturday brought in 121 barrels of fresh mackerel, which were taken by the trap fishermen at Yarmouth and along the shore.

#### Mackerel in With Porgies.

Steamer Joanna, Capt. John Barrett in here this morning with a trip of porgies, seined a few scattered mackerel among the fish yesterday taken off Plymouth.

The following netters were at Newport, R. I., Saturday:

Golden Eagle, 2000 fish. Motor, 1500 fish. Jennie Gilbert, 1500 fish.

Hester, 200 fish.

The following boats were at New Bedford. The Tearo with 90 fish; the Anna with 75 fish; the Lakuntala with 175 fish, the Dart with 150 fish, the Reliance with 259 fish the Jesse D., with 150 fish; the Success with 100 fish.

Halifax wired Boston Saturday the arrival there of 5000 mackerel in count from the eastward and 2000 from the

The season's catch of fresh mack-erel up to Saturday is 4,700 harrels against 5,947 barrels for the corres-ponding period in 1911.

The total landings of fresh mackerel last week was as follows: New York, 1494 barrels; Newport, 508 barrels; New Bedford, 243 barrels; Edgartown, 59 barrels; New London, 11 barrels.

The corresponding week last year, the netters landed 3,109 barrels of fresh mackerel at those places.

Imports of 1911 salt mackerel re-ceived at Boston to date is 32,242 barrels against 34,888 barrels for the same period in 1910.

# TWO GOOD FARES

AMONG THE DOZEN FARES OF FISH IN AT T WHARF THIS MORNING.

wharf dealers were well supplied for the opening trade of the week this morning, an even dozen fares be-ing at the dock when the gong sounded this morning.

Three of the beam trawling fleet were reported, the Ripple, Swell and Foam, with ordinary trips, Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, Capt. Joseph P. Mesquita, is hitting up his old time pace again, and arrived yesterday with 75,000 pounds of codfish.

Haddock sold at \$2 to \$3 a hundred weight, large cod, \$3 to \$4, mar-ket cod, \$3, hake, \$1 to \$2 and cusk \$1.50.

#### Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are. Sch. Frances Mesquito, 75,000 cod. Str. Ripple, 32,000 haddock, 5000

Str. Foam 32,000 haddock, 2600 cod.

Sch. Virginia, 80,000 cod.
Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, 25,000 haddock, 19,000 cod, 2000 hake, 8000

Sch. Matchless, 17,000 haddock, 2000 Sch. Edith Silveria, 15,000 haddock,

2500 cod. Sch. Annie and Jennie, 6000 cod, 1500 hake, 1500 cusk, 1500 halibut.

Sch. Elva L. Spurling, 700 cod, 55, 6000 hake, 3000 cusk.

Sch. Rita A. Viator, 800 haddock, 5700 cod.

Str. Swell, 40,000 haddock 400 cod. Haddock \$2 to \$3 per cwt.; large cod, \$3 to \$4; market cod, \$3; hake \$1 to \$2; cusk, \$1.50.

#### Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. Alert, Monarch, Pythian, Agnes, Saladin, Georgia, Georgiana and Miranda arrived at Halifax Friday and cleared for fishing.

Schs. Lizzie M. Stanley, Constella-

tion, Diana, Alert and Lucania, arrived at Halifax Thursday, all of whom are seining.

## Halibut Sale.

The halibut fare of sch. Yakima sold to the New England Halibut Company at 8 1-4 cents a pound for white and 6 1-4 cents a pound for medium gray, and 5 1-4 cents for large gray.

On the Railways.

Sch. Yankee is on Rocky Neck railways. Sch. Gladys and Nellie is on Burn-

ham Brothers' railways. Tug Sea King is on the railways.

Got 10 and 8.

The halibut fare of sch. Claudia sold at Portland Friday last at 10 cents a pound for white fish and eight cents a pound for grays.

#### Halibut at Portland.

Three arrivals of fresh halibut, aggregating 50,000 pounds are at Portland this morning, Sch. Paragon is one of the fleet reported.